

Biography



David Gonzalez began his law enforcement career in 1978 as a Security Police Officer in the United States Air Force. After completing his enlistment in 1982 he returned to San Antonio and worked for the University of Texas Health Science Center Police Department while he waited to join the ranks of the San Antonio Police Department. He joined the SAPD in 1985. While at SAPD he worked as a patrol officer out of the west substation until he was promoted to Detective-Investigator in 1990. He initially worked as an

Evidence Technician (Crime Scene Investigator) then moved to Night-time Criminal Investigations Detail where he investigated all Major Crimes. He was promoted again in 1994 and was temporarily assigned to Internal Affairs as a sergeant. He eventually went back to the Patrol Division as a sergeant, where he supervised patrol officers on his shift. He was promoted once more in May 2000. As a Lieutenant he continued to work in the Patrol Division at four of the six San Antonio Police substations. He then went on to lead the Night Criminal Investigations and Gang Units in 2006-2007. At the end of 2007 he once again returned to the Patrol Division and remained there at the NW substation until he retired from SAPD in 2016.

He was hired as the Police Lieutenant for Leon Valley in January 2017. In his first year as the Lieutenant he worked with and supervised Patrol, Investigations, and Animal/Code operations. In 2018 when Leon Valley hired a second Lieutenant he elected to remain in patrol as the Patrol Commander. When Assistant Chief Ruben Saucedo retired in May 2020, Lieutenant Gonzalez was promoted to the Assistant Chief position. As the Assistant Chief he assists the Police Chief with all daily operations as well as with all future planned events. Additionally, he maintains supervision and oversight over all police activities.

Assistant Chief Gonzalez has been working in law enforcement for over 40 years. He has an Associate's degree in Arts and Sciences (Criminal Justice) from Palo Alto College, a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree (Human Relations/Criminology) from Texas A&M University Kingsville-San Antonio and has a Master Peace Officer License.